

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-22. (Canceled)

23. (New) A method of creating a backup copy of data comprising:

booting to a protected area of a first storage device;
copying contents of the protected area of the first storage device to a user area of the first storage device;
booting to a user area of a first storage device; and
saving the user area to a second storage device, the user area comprising user accessible contents and the copied contents of the protected area.

24. (New) The method of claim 23, further comprising:

downloading a utility, wherein the utility performs the copying.

25. (New) The method of claim 23, wherein the second storage device is attached to a backup server.

26. (New) The method of claim 23, wherein the second storage device is configured as part of an electronic device connected to the first storage device.

27. (New) The method of claim 23, further comprising:

booting to the protected area prior to the copying.

28. (New) The method of claim 27, further comprising:

rebooting to the user area after the copying and before the saving.

29. (New) The method of claim 23, wherein said copying further comprises:

copying the contents of the protected area of the first storage device to a directory designated for the protected area in the user area of the first storage device;

30. (New) A machine readable storage medium bearing instructions that, upon being executed, comprise:

booting to a protected area of a first storage device;

copying contents of the protected area of the first storage device to a user area of the first storage device;

booting to a user area of a first storage device; and

saving the user area to a second storage device, the user area comprising user accessible contents and the copied contents of the protected area.

31. (New) The machine readable storage medium of claim 30, further comprising:

downloading a utility, wherein the utility performs the copying.

32. (New) The machine readable storage medium of claim 30, further comprising:

booting to the protected area prior to the copying.

rebooting to the user area after the copying and before the saving.

33. (New) A machine readable storage medium bearing instructions that upon being executed comprise:

restoring a protected area directory from a first storage device to a user area of a second storage device; and

copying the protected area directory from the user area of the second storage device to create a backup copy in a protected area of the second storage device.

34. (New) The machine readable storage medium of claim 33, further comprising:

creating the protected area on the second storage device prior to the copying.

35. (New) An electronic device comprising:

a first storage device configured to store first contents in a protected area, store a copy of said first contents in a user area, and store second contents in the user area outside said directory designated for said first contents;

a processor configured to boot to either the user area of a first storage device or the protected area of the first storage device; and

communication means for communicating data to and from a second storage device;

wherein the storage device comprises stored instructions, which upon being executed by the processor, cause the electronic device to perform actions comprising:

booting to the protected area of the first storage device;

copying contents of the protected area of the first storage device to a directory designated for said first contents within the user area of the first storage device;

booting to the user area of a first storage device; and

saving the user area to the second storage device via the communication means, the user area comprising the copy of said first contents and said second contents.

36. (New) The electronic device of claim 35, wherein the instructions further comprise:

booting to the protected area prior to the copying; and

rebooting to the user area after the copying and before the saving.

37. (New) The electronic device of claim 35, wherein one or more of the instructions are downloaded from the second storage device, the second storage device being a backup server; and

wherein the communication means connecting the second storage device is a network connection.

38. (New) A backup server comprising:

a backup storage device; and

a read utility to be downloaded to and executed at an electronic device,

wherein the read utility is to copy contents of a protected area of a storage device attached to the electronic device to a directory in a user area of the storage device, and wherein the read utility is further to save a backup copy of the directory to the backup storage device.

39. (New) The backup server of claim 38, wherein the read utility is further to cause the electronic device to boot to the protected area before the copy.

40. (New) The backup server of claim 38, wherein the read utility is further to cause the electronic device to boot to the user area after the copy and before the save.

41. (New) The backup server of claim 38, further comprising:

a controller to download the directory from the backup storage device to the user area of the storage device; and

a create utility to be downloaded and executed at the electronic device,

wherein the create utility is to create the protected area on the storage device and copy the directory into the protected area.

42. (New) A method in a backup server of creating a backup copy of data from a first storage device, the method comprising:

downloading a read utility to the first storage device;

creating a directory designated for a protected area of the first storage device; and

saving a backup copy of a user area of the first storage device, the user area comprising user accessible contents and copied contents of the protected area;

wherein the copied contents of the protected area are saved in the directory designated for the protected area of the first storage device.

43. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the saving further comprises:

saving the user area of the first storage device to a second storage device.

44. (New) The method of claim 43, wherein the read utility is configured to perform instructions comprising:

booting to the protected area of the first storage device;

copying contents of the protected area of the first storage device to the user area of the first storage device;

booting to the user area of a first storage device; and

saving the user area to the second storage device, the user area comprising user accessible contents and the copied contents of the protected area.

45. (New) The method of claim 44, wherein the instructions further comprise:

booting to the protected area prior to the copying; and

rebooting to the user area after the copying and before the saving.